

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original)

An apparatus for igniting charcoal with the help of an inflammable sustainable material, especially a material based on wood, characterized by a cage which receives the charcoal and comprises a circumferential wall (1) which is provided with pass-through openings (12) and is made of the sustainable material.

2. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the circumferential wall (1) is polygonal and is composed of straight walls (2, 3).

3. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 1, ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the walls (2, 3) of the circumferential wall (1) of the cage consist of rods (4) which are stacked above one another at a distance from each other and are made of a sustainable material.

4. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ends of the rods (4) of adjacent cage walls (2, 3) are stacked in an alternating fashion and are joined with each other.

5. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ends of the stacked rods (4) are mutually joined through wood dowels (5) penetrating the same.

6. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 1, ~~one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ wherein the cage has a floor (9) made of cardboard.

7. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 3, ~~the claims 3 and 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the cardboard forming the floor (9) is held between the two lowermost layers (7, 8) of rods.

8. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 1, ~~one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the circumferential wall (1) of the cage is impregnated at least in sections with an easily inflammable combustible.

9. (currently amended)

An apparatus according to claim 1, ~~one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the cage carries igniting aids (10) in its corner region on the floor side, which igniting aids are impregnated with an easily inflammable combustible.